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SUBJ WORLD MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE
(WMARC), GENEVA, 22 APRIL TO 7 JUNE 1974--WEEKLY SUMMARY
NO. 4 (13 TO 18 MAY)

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1. BEGIN HIGHLIGHTS. RESULTS OF EFFORTS AT WORKING
GROUP (WG) AND SUB-WORKING GROUP (SWG) LEVELS NOW
COMING TO FRUITION AS SEVERAL REPORTS WERE ADOPTED AT
MAIN COMMITTEE LEVEL DURING FOURTH WEEK OF WMARC AND
SENT TO COMMITTEE 7 (C7) (EDITORIAL). AMONG THESE WERE
APPENDIX 15 PROVISIONS FOR WIDEBANDS, OCEAN DATA, AND
NARROW BAND DIRECT PRINTING (NBDP), WHICH WERE ADOPTED
AS SET FORTH IN HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST WEEK'S SUMMARY REPORT.

2. PROSPECTS FOR DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (SELCALL)
HAVE IMPROVED WITH USE OF DIGITAL SELCALL PROVIDED
FOR BY ADDING NEW PARAGRAPH TO ARTICLE 28A OF RADIO
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REGULATIONS (RR) TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESOLUTION (RES)

TO COVER TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR FURTHER CCIR STUDY. STILL NOT RESOLVED ARE SPECIFIC FREQUENCIES TO BE DESIGNATED FOR DIGITAL SELCALL.

3. SITUATION REGARDING PANAMA REFERRED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT CONTINUES TO POSE PROBLEM AND DISPOSITION OF PNR PROPOSAL NOT YET DECIDED.

4. EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS APPEARING AS REGARDS REDRAFTING A NEW APPENDIX 25 ALLOTMENT PLAN. NOW CLEAR THAT ALGERIAN DELEGATION IS SPEAKING FOR LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA) IN PRESSING FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

5. A SWG UNDER C5 (CHAIRER BY E.D. DU CHARME OF CANADA) WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE WEEK TO UNDERTAKE REDRAFTING OF APPENDIX 25. SWG THEN SPLIT INTO TEAMS TO WORK ON VARIOUS PARTS OF NEW ALLOTMENT PLAN. MEANTIME, U.S. DELEGATION HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH U.K., USSR, AND FRANCE AS TO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES IN LIKELY EVENT THAT SWG CANNOT DEVELOP PLAN. END HIGHLIGHTS.

6. COMMITTEE 4 (RADIOTELEGRAPHY) APPROVED PROVISION IN ARTICLE 28A TO PERMIT DIGITAL SELCALL IN CONFORMITY WITH RELEVANT CCIR RECOMMENDATIONS. C4 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION URGING CCIR TO EXPEDITE TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP ADMINISTRATIONS INFORMED OF PROGRESS. CHANNELING OF SUB-ALLOCATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL TELEGRAPHY SERVICES IN APPENDIX 15 ALSO AGREED IN C4.

7. WG 4/6 AD HOC (CALLING): SEE PARAGRAPH 21 BELOW.

8. WG 4A APPROVED ARTICLE 32 REVISIONS SUBMITTED BY JOINT SWG 4A/5E-3. NEW TABLE TO APPENDIX 15 LISTED PAIRED NBDP FREQUENCIES FOR COAST AND SHIPS.

9. JOINT SWG 4A/5E-3 AGREED IN PRINCIPLE 13 MAY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENT OF SERVICES WITHIN HIGH FREQUENCY (HF) MARITIME MOBILE (MM) BANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN APPENDIX 15 CHART. STARTED WORK ON ARTICLE 32 REVISIONS. APPROVED CHANNEL SPACING FOR SHIP WIDEBANDS (4 KHZ), OCEAN DATA (0.3 KHZ), NBDP (0.5 KHZ), AND MORSE WORKING OF 0.5 KHZ AT 4 MHZ. HOWEVER, ADMINISTRATIONS MAY INTRODUCE MORSE WORKING ON .1 KHZ CHANNELS, AVOIDING INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE CHANNELS ADJACENT TO EXISTING

ASSIGNMENTS.

10. JOINT SWG 4A/5E-4 HELD THREE MEETINGS TO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (REC) CONSEQUENTIAL TO CHANGES MADE IN APPENDIX 15 AND ARTICLE 32. APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO WG 4A/5E AS DOCUMENT DT/92 FOLLOWING DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS: SUP RES MAR 10, SUP RES MAR 12, SUP REC MAR 7, ADD RES TO REPLACE RES MAR 12 AND ADD RES TO REPLACE REC MAR 7. ADD RES TO REPLACE RES MAR 10 AND ADD RES TO REMOVE MASTER INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTER (MIFR) ENTRIES NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED APPENDIX 15 ALSO APPROVED AT SWG LEVEL.

11. SWG 4B1 COMPLETED ITS WORK INCLUDING RES URGING EXPEDITIOUS CCIR ACTION TO COMPLETE DIGITAL SELCALL TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS, WITH PROCEDURES FOR ITU SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP MEMBER COUNTRIES INFORMED OF PROGRESS. IN PARTICULAR, ARTICLE 28A PROVISION WAS DRAFTED WHEREBY DIGITAL SELCALL MAY BE USED WHEN IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH RELEVANT CCIR RECOMMENDATIONS. NEW ARTICLE 28C WAS COMPLETED REGARDING USE OF DIRECT PRINTING IN THE MEDIUM FREQUENCY (MF), HF, AND VERY HIGH FREQUENCY (VHF) BANDS.

12. IN THE EUROPEAN MARITIME AREA SWG 4B1 MADE F1 EMISSION ASSIGNMENTS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED ADMINISTRATIONS. SWG 4B1 AND 4B2 HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK.

13. SWG 4B3 ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR NEW NBDP COAST AND SHIP FREQUENCIES UNABLE RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US/NETHERLANDS/FRANCE ON ONE SIDE AND UK ON THE OTHER WITH UK INSISTING ON FULL REGISTRATION.
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FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN WG 4B,SIX FAVORED MAJORITY VIEW OF SWG WHILE NONE SUPPORTED UK. SWEDEN, SUPPORTED BY FINLAND AND NORWAY, SUGGESTED SWG MEET AGAIN TO ATTEMPT REACH COMPROMISE SOLUTION. THIS WAS DONE AND AT END OF WEEK UK INTRODUCED RES BASED ON RES MAR 15 FOR FREQUENCY ALLOTMENT PLAN FOR NBDP SUPPORTED BY NORWAY AND SWEDEN BUT OPPOSED BY US, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON BASIS IT PREMATURE. PLAN PROVIDES FOR DELETION OF ALLOTMENTS NOT IMPLEMENTED WITH PERIOD OF TIME TO BE SPECIFIED.

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14. SWG 4B4 COMPLETED ITS WORK ON ARTICLE 29A PROVIDING FOR INTRODUCTION AND OPERATION PROCEDURES OF MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC NBDP SYSTEMS. SYSTEMS MAY OPERATE WITHOUT ERROR CORRECTION, WITH ARQ OR FORWARD ERROR CORRECTION PER APPENDIX 20B WHICH CONFORMS IN EFFECT WITH CCIR REC 476 SYSTEM AS BROUGHT UP TO DATE AT THE FINAL CCIR MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1974.

15. WORK OF 4B1 AND 4B4 ABOVE APPROVED BY C4.

16 WG 4C ADOPTED REVISIONS TO APPENDIX 3 TABLE OF FREQUENCY TOLERANCES FOR TELEGRAPHY SERVICES.

17 COMMITTEE 5 (RADIOTELEPHONY). IN ADDITION TO WORK ON APPENDIX 25 REPORTED UNDER "HIGHLIGHTS" ABOVE, C5 AND ITS WORKING GROUPS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES. ADOPTED AT FULL C5 LEVEL WERE WG REPORTS ON:

A. PROVISIONS FOR 3023.5 KHZ AND 5680 KHZ FOR COORDINATED SEARCH AND RESCUE.

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B. SUPPRESSION OF NO. 196 OF RR AT REQUEST OF JAPAN.

C. RES DELTING A3B AS OF 1/1/78.

D. APPENDIX 17A (TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR MF AND HF SINGLE SIDE BAND TRANSMITTERS.

E. POWER LIMITATION OF HF SHIP AND COAST STATIONS TO 1.5 KW AND 10 KW RESPECTIVELY.

F. PROHIBITION OF IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS ON IDLE CHANNELS.

G. MOD 1355 CONCERNING CROSS-BAND AND CROSS-CHANNEL WORKING IN DUPLEX TELPHONY.

PROVISIONS FOR LINCOMPEX.

I. PROVISIONS FOR ON-BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING FREQUENCIES.

J. RES RELATING TO VHF CHANNEL SPACING.

18. SWG 5C2 MET SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON/EVENING TO DRAFT PROCEDURE TO UPDATE APPENDIX 25 MOD 2. PAPER PRODUCED BY IFRB AND SWEDISH/UK COUNTER-INITIATIVE WERE TRATED. ALGERIAN DELEGATION HAS MEETING STYMIED, AND ABOUT ONE THIRD OF TEXT TREATED WAS PLACED IN SQUARE BRACKETS.

19. COMMITTEE 6 (OPERATION) AT SIXTH MEETING 17 MAY APPROVED:

A. REC CONSISTING BASICALLY OF UK PROPOSAL ON SATELLITES, MODIFIED TO REFLECT FACT THAT PRESENT WMARC IS INCLUDING MINIMUM NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN RR FOR INTRODUCTION OF MARITIME SATELLITES.

B. VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR ENHACING DISTRESS AND SAFETY.

C. REC ON ADDITIONAL TONE TO BE SENT WHEN 2-TONE ALARM UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNAL IS REBROADCAST FROM COAST STATIONS.

D. MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO RR ON COMMON SCENE OF ACTION FREQUENCIES.

E. MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO RR PROVIDING AIRCRAFT

COMMUNICATIONS ON VHF/FM UNDER SPECIFIED CONSITIONS.

20. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST RELATING TO C6:

A. AUSTRALIAN PROPOSALS FOR 4 MHZ AND 6 MHZ SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRESS FREQUENCY NOW HAS WIDE SUPPORT. SOME FORM OF ACCOMMODATION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AS ONLY THREE ADMINISTRATIONS (US, LIBERIA, PHILIPPINES) OPPOSE.

B. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS (AR) IN WG 6C COMPLETED AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ARTICLE 40A SEPARATING OUT MM SERVICE.

C. STRONG EFFORT MOUNTED BY SWITZERLAND AND OTHERS FOR REMOVING NO. 287A SPA 2 RE SATELLITE SAFETY/DISTRESS VHF COMMUNICATIONS. US DELEGATION NOW ALSO IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS.

D. MOST US PROPOSALS IN OPERATION AREA ARE SLOWLY BEING ACCEPTED.

21. JOINT WG 4/6 AD HOC (CALLING) COMPLETED WORK ON MORSE CODE CALLING PACKAGE AND WILL TAKE UP DIGITAL SELCALL SYSTEM 20 MAY. MORSE PLAN BASED LARGELY ON UK/NORWEGIAN PROPOSALS BUT FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE MOST OBJECTIONS BY US AND OTHER LARGE COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SINCE JOINT WG COMPOSED MAINLY OF COUNTRIES SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE, REACTION IN WIDER FORUM UNPREDICTABLE.

22. COMMITTEE 7 (EDITORIAL) HELD FIRST WORKING SESSIONS AND APPROVED FOUR DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO PLENARY. NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. PACE OF C7 EXPECTED ACCELERATE SHARPLY OVER ENSUING WEEKS. ABRAMS

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